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The fourth Washington Comment refers to Lieutenant L. B. Vlodzimirskiy.  
 Correctly this should read Lieutenant General L. B. Vlodzimirskiy.

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1. Administration, paragraph 1, should read Directorate.
2. Kaublov, paragraph 2, and Kabulov, paragraph 4, is Colonel General Bogdan Zakharovich Kobulov.
3. Beria, paragraph 2, should read Beriya.
4. No Yan'kovskiy was mentioned among those liquidated with Beriya. However, Lieutenant I.B. Vlodzimirskiy, one of the six executed as accomplices of Beriya, had been a deputy chief of GUSIMZ and it is probably to him that source is referring.
5. Vasily, paragraphs 4 and 18, should read Vasiliy.
6. Mikoyan's correct title is Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers. The ministries mentioned are correctly the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the Ministry of Internal Trade.
7. Wismuth, page 7, should read Wismut.

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1. By authority of the Potsdam Agreement, all former Axis assets in the areas of Eastern Europe, Finland, and the Far East liberated or occupied by the Soviet army were put under Soviet administration. During the initial period this administration was the responsibility of the respective military commanders. At the end of 1946 an organization called Administration of Soviet Property Abroad (Upravleniye Sovetskimi imushchestvom zagranitsey) was created within the Foreign Trade Ministry of the USSR and entrusted with the task of administration of this property. In mid-1947, however, this organization was divorced from the Ministry of Foreign Trade, given the name Chief Directorate of Soviet Property Abroad, attached to the Council of Ministers, USSR (Glavnoye upravleniye Sovetskimi imushchestvom zagranitsey (GUSIMZ) pri sovete ministrov Solyuz Sovetskikh Sotsialisticheskikh Respublik), and put on an administrative level with USSR ministries. Thus, the head of GUSIMZ had a position, rights, and responsibilities equivalent to a USSR minister. Except for the Inspectorate of GUSIMZ, an office which was set up within GUSIMZ in 1953, the T/O of GUSIMZ remained unchanged from 1947 until 1953. When, after the death of Stalin in 1953, a drive was undertaken to reduce the number of existing ministries in the USSR, abolishing some of them and merging others, GUSIMZ lost its independence and was again subordinated to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. However, GUSIMZ's T/O was not changed and its director held the position and rank of a deputy minister of Foreign Trade.
2. When GUSIMZ was organized, a part of its personnel was recruited from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the other part, most probably, from among MGB officials. It is significant that the first director of GUSIMZ was the notorious MERKULOV. Another individual of similar qualifications, KAUBLOV, eventually became the director of GUSIMZ. At another time the deputy director of GUSIMZ was the infamous DEKANOZOV; all three were well-known MGB personalities. It may be assumed that they recruited many of their people from MGB and brought

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them into GUSIMZ. No less significant in this respect is the fact that, among the six associates of BERIA who were liquidated with him, four of them were high officials of GUSIMZ at one time or another: MERKULOV, KABULOV, DEKANOZOV and YANKOVSKIY (?).

3. The offices of GUSIMZ were located at Sadovoye Kel'tso in Moscow, in two buildings. The first building (known as Building #1) housed, at the same time, some offices of GULAG (Glavnoye upravleniye lageryami) of MVD and had MGB armed-guard service. The second building, (known as Building #2) housed GUSIMZ's Administration Directorate, Central Accounting Office and all branch directorates except the 8th (Wismut). All other directorates of GUSIMZ were housed in Building #1. There was also a special office called the Secretariat of GUSIMZ Director (Kantselyariya nachal'nika GUSIMZA) in Building #1 whose head was an unidentified MGB colonel.

4. The organization of GUSIMZ was as follows:

Director: Vasily (?) SERGEYEV, who had probably held this position since 1952, having succeeded KABULOV who was sent to Germany as director of USIG.

Five or six deputy directors. One was named LEBEDEV (in charge of Austrian affairs);

and the following sections:

GUSIMZ's Inspectorate (Inspeksiya pri nachal'nike GUSIMZA)  
 Commercial Directorate (Kommercheskoye upravleniye)  
 Foreign Currency and Finance Directorate (Valyutno-finansovoye upravleniye)  
 Administrative Directorate (Administrativno-khozyaystvennoye upravleniye)  
 Legal Directorate (Dogovorno-pravovoye upravleniye)  
 Planning Directorate (Planovoye upravleniye)  
 Personnel Directorate (Upravleniye kadrov)  
 Central Accounting Office (Tsentral'naya bukhgalteriya)  
 Secret Documents and Cipher Section (Sekretno-shifroval'nyy otdel)

5. In addition to these general administrative offices, GUSIMZ had several branch directorates (otraslevyye upravleniya) responsible for administering Soviet property in various foreign countries. These were:

1st Directorate (Eastern Germany)  
 2nd Directorate (Austria)  
 3rd Directorate (Hungary)  
 4th Directorate (Rumania)  
 5th Directorate (Bulgaria)

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6th Directorate  
and (Responsible for Finland and the Far  
7th Directorate Eastern countries)

8th Directorate (Wismut)

Oil Directorate (Neftyanoye upravleniye)

Directorate of River Steamship Companies (Upravleniye rechnymi  
parokhodstvami)

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One, who was at the same time chief of the Personnel Directorate, was referred to as Deputy for Personnel. The offices of GUSIMZ's director and deputy directors were equipped with special telephones called "Vertushka" with direct lines to the Kremlin. Conversations containing classified information were authorized to be conducted by means of these phones.

7. GUSIMZ Inspectorate was organized in 1953 with the task

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similar to that of the former Ministry of State Control, of course, on a smaller scale.

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In addition to probable other tasks, all complaints, reports of irregularities, illegal proceedings, and similar affairs directed against GUSIMZ organizations and personnel and their actions were handled by this inspectorate.

8. Commercial Directorate. POLKAV was director. The main responsibility of this directorate was the coordination of commercial activities of GUSIMZ Branch Directorates (see paragraph 57).

9. The Foreign Currency and Finance Directorate was charged with establishing and enforcing policies of handling foreign currencies and financing GUSIMZ operations. The Branch Directorates of GUSIMZ appeared as foreign currency procurement agencies, selling products manufactured by the Soviet-owned enterprises abroad on the internal markets of the occupied countries and, through middlemen, to the Western world.

10. Administrative Directorate. BALTAZHI was director. This directorate was responsible for the administration of GUSIMZ headquarters, living accommodations of the personnel, and other routine administrative matters such as TDY, leave, per diem, etc.

11. Legal Directorate. Igor' L'vovich KOVAN was director. ROZHKOVSkiy was deputy director. The directorate was composed of two sections: Economic Liaison Section (Otdel ekonomicheskoy svyazi) with GORSHKOV as section chief and the Legal Section (Yuridicheskiy otdel) of which ROZHKOVSkiy was head until 1953. Main responsibilities of both of these sections were the coordination of judicial activities of branch directorates and supervision of conclusion and enforcement of legal agreements; they also supplied legal advice to the director of GUSIMZ. One of the less important but rather time-consuming tasks of the Legal Directorate was the drafting of all types of reports, memorandums and suggestions which were forwarded to the Council of Ministers, USSR, by the GUSIMZ director. It was a widespread practice in USSR governmental agencies to use lawyers for drafting memos forwarded to higher-ups and although such letters very often had nothing to do with the tasks of the Legal Department, nevertheless its personnel were required to do so.

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12. Planning Directorate. No information available.
13. Personnel Directorate was composed of the following sections:
- Foreign Offices Personnel Section (Otdel zagranichnykh kadrov) Was responsible for processing and documentation of personnel assigned to duty in foreign countries.
  - Leading Personnel Section (Otdel rukovodyashchikh kadrov)
  - Operational Personnel Section (Otdel operativnykh kadrov) The latter had nothing to do with intelligence activities and, in this respect, the title was really misleading. The term "operativnyye kadry" meant "rank and file" personnel as distinct from "leading" personnel.
14. The Central Accounting Office performed the normal functions of any accounting office. No details available.
15. Secret Documents and Cipher Section. The section chief was KOZLOV in 1952 and he probably has remained in this position until the present time. For the convenience of offices located in Building #2, a sub-section of this section was organized there.

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the organization of the first seven  
directorates was similar to the 2nd.

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17. RYACHENKO was director of the 2nd Directorate in 1952. In mid-1952 he was replaced by AKOPOV who remained until the end of 1953. AKOPOV was replaced by KUZMAZENKO. The director of the 2nd Directorate had one deputy whose name is unknown. The directorate had the following sections:

Commercial Section

Planning Section

Finance Section

Legal Section

Accounting Section

Production Section

18. The head of the Legal Section was Vasily Yefimovich IVANOV. Also on duty was one senior legal advisor, a Soviet national, Arnold SCHAPIRO. The main responsibilities of the Legal Department were coordination and supervision of USIA's legal activities.

19. The tasks and responsibilities of sections belonging to the 2nd Directorate were similar to those described in this report for GUSIMZ.

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21. Anastas Ivanovich MIKOYAN as a Deputy Minister President of USSR is responsible for several ministries (Ministry of the Foreign Trade, Ministry of the Interior Trade and probably some other). This would mean that in a final line, through the Ministry of Foreign Trade, GUSIMZ is subordinate to MIKOYAN. In the period of 1951-1952 when GUSIMZ was independent from the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the influence of MIKOYAN on GUSIMZ's affairs was quite noticeable and a number of memorandums went daily from the Legal Department of GUSIMZ to MIKOYAN.

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Enclosure A ORGANIZATION CHART GUSIMZ

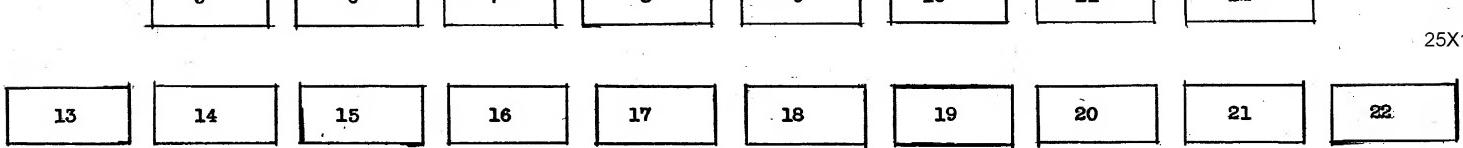
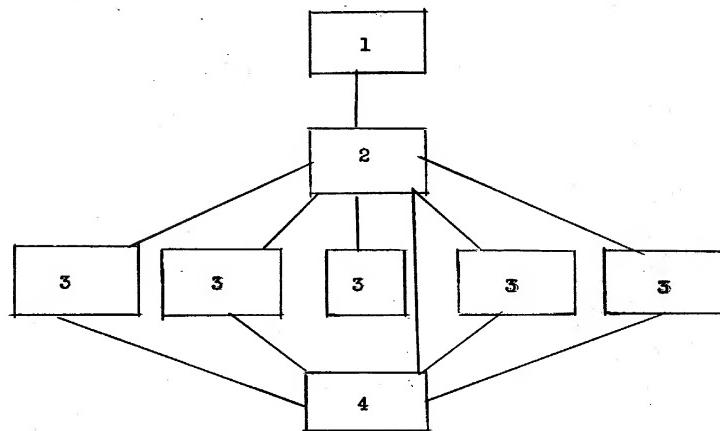
Enclosure B ORGANIZATION CHART OF A BRANCH DIRECTORATE GUSIMZ

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## ORGANIZATION CHART GUSIMZ

LEGEND: to Enclosure A

1. Minister of Foreign Trade
2. GUSIMZ's Director, at the same time a Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade
3. Deputy Directors of GUSIMZ
4. GUSIMZ's Inspectorate
5. Commercial Directorate
6. Foreign Currency and Finance Directorate
7. Administrative Directorate
8. Legal Directorate
9. Planning Directorate
10. Personnel Directorate
11. Central Accounting Office
12. Secret Documents and Cipher Section

## BRANCH DIRECTORATES:

13. First (Germany)
14. Second(Austria)
15. Third(Hungary)
16. Fourth(Rumania)
17. Fifth(Bulgaria)
18. Sixth (One of these directorates was responsible for Finland  
and  
19. Seventh and the other for the Far Eastern countries)
20. Eighth (Wismuth A. G.)
21. Oil Directorate
22. Directorate of River Steamship Companies

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